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SUBJECT: US APPROVAL OF \$169.9 MILLION COMPROMISE

UNESCO BUDGET ELICITS STFONG AFRICAN

APPRECIATION

REF: STATE 232997

1. ANNOUNCEMENT OF US SUPPORT FOR \$169.9 MILLION COMPROMISE BUDGET CEILING BY USDEL CHAIRMAN MILLER UPTON AT OCTOBER 23 PLENARY SESSION HAD DRAMATIC IMPACT EXEMPLIFIED BY THE INTERRUPTION OF SPONTANEOUS APPLAUSE THROUGHTOUT HALL AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, IN THE COURSE OF ANY ADDRESS BY ANY MEMBER STATE AT THIS CONFERENCE. REMARKS STRESSED CONTINUING EXPECTATION ALL POSSIBLE CUTS WILL BE MADE AND GAVE DETAILS IN REFTEL.

2. IN ADDITION EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE BY VARISOUS AFRICANS EXPRESSED IN CORRIDORS, TOGOLESE AMBASSADOR TO UNESCO AND PRESIDENT OF "77" AFRICAN
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GROUP (AGBLEMAGNON) TOOK FLOOR AND EXPRESSED PROFUSELY

GROUP'S PROFOUND THANKS TO THE UNITED STATES FOR GENEROSITY AND FOR "FINE GESTURE" TOWARDS NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL IN CHANGING VOTE TO SUPPORT CONSENSUS BUDGET.

3. SIMILARLY, JAMAICAN DELEGATE (WYNTER), WHO ALSO CHRM. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION, STATED HIS APPRECIATION OF US VOTE.

4. DAHOMEYAN DELEGATE ALSO TOOK FLOOR TO "EXPRESS PUBLICLY AFRICAN GRATITUDE TO THE UNITED STATES FOR ITS EFFORT IN SUPPORTING COMPROMISE BUDGET TO PRESERVE UNITY OF THE ORGANIZATION," PARTICULARLY AS, HE NOTED, US HAD THROUGHOUT 94TH AND 95TH EXBD SESSIONS "REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED ITS RESERVATIONS AND PROBLEMS" RE THE BUDGET.

5. SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR (SENGHOR) ALSO EXPRESSED THANKS PRIVATELY AND IN BUDGET DEBATE FOR US SUPPORT.

6. ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO ABSTAIN BY FRANCE AND POLAND, IMPLICITLY SPEAKING FOR SOVIET BLOC, MADE EQUALLY DRAMATIC CONTRAST.

7. FINAL VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS WAS 109-0-11 ABSTENTIONS (BYELORUSSIA, BOLIVIA, FRANCE, GDR, HUNGARY, LAOS, MONACO, MONGOLIA, POLAND, UKRAINE, USSR).

8. TEXT OF UPTON'S SPEECH BEING AIRPOUCHED.

COMMENT: IN ADDITION TO PROFUSE PUBLIC THANKS EXPRESSED FROM PODIUM BY AFRICANS, GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS WERE PARTICULARLY APPRECIATIVE US GESTURE IN RALLYING TO COMPROMISE AND UK DELEGATE (MARTIN) SO STATED IN HIS SPEECH.

MOREOVER, DG MAHEU FORMALLY AND PUBLICLY WITHDREW HIS 18 C/5 PROPOSAL NOW REJECTED TO \$174 MILLION AND COMMITTED SELF TO 95 EXBD COMPROMISE OF \$169.9 MILLION.

IN SUM, US VOTE YIELDED MAXIMUM POLITICAL AND BUDGETARY IMPACT.

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